

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Donald J. Merkley et al.
Application No.:	09/970,389
Filing Date:	October 2, 2001
Group Art Unit:	1791
Examiner:	Mark Halpern
Confirmation No.:	9683
For:	Method and Apparatus for Reducing Impurities in Cellulose Fibers for Manufacture of Fiber Reinforced Cement Composite Materials

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VIA EFS  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and respectfully requests entry and consideration of the remarks provided with this paper. This Amendment is filed in reply to an Office Action mailed October 10, 2007, that established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Applicants submit that this response is timely filed.

In response to the Office Action, please reconsider the above-identified Application as provided in:

**Amendments to the Claims** provided as a listing of claims beginning on page 2;

**Remarks** begin on page 6; and

**Conclusion** begins on page 9 of this paper.